

**Son Born to Local Pair in Honolulu**

A son, Daniel Wayne, was born July 8 at the Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu to M/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles W. Ferguson of Torrance.

The baby is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, 2445 237th St. Sergeant Ferguson is stationed at Pearl Harbor with the Army.

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**Heat Wave Treats Customers Worse Than Farmer This Year**

NEW YORK, July 28—This year's heat is doing the farmer less damage than did last year's, and his customers more. How can that be? It's simple. Last year's drought mainly hit the wheat crop, which would have gone to the Commodity Credit Corp. in any case. This year, heat waves have damaged specialty crops; there the farmer can raise his prices to recoup some of his loss, but the customer gets less to eat.

New Jersey and Maryland, where foods are grown for canning and for eating fresh in the big Eastern cities, have seen lettuce, beans and peas wilt. Strawberries were a failure. The peach crop will be smaller; Western freestone will take up the slack, but some Easterners prefer nearby peaches.

The state has amended a complaint made to the ICC against Riss and Co., an interstate trucking firm domiciled in Kansas City, Mo., asking a partial license revocation because of 1272 alleged violations of Ohio laws by Riss violators in four and a half years. Less than two years ago Ohio asked the ICC for the revocation, alleging 596 violations. This month's amended charge cites 676 other violations in the 18 months succeeding the first complaint.

Railroads, as well as several states, have indicated a special interest in this proceeding because it marks the first time a state has sought this form of ICC protection against an interstate trucker who repeatedly violates the state's laws.

THINGS TO COME—The do-it-yourself addict can now attack his television set. A tube tester will check all the tubes, from the picture tube on down, as well as the wiring circuits. . . . Another do-it-yourself gadget is a soldering iron which gets hot in 2 1/2 seconds, using ordinary household (110 volts) current. . . . Young 'uns' drawings can now be preserved by proud parents in designs on pottery plates. . . . If you insist, you can buy a device that will turn parsnips into a liquid you can drink.

**292 Criminal Cases Filed Against Smog Violators**

A total of 292 criminal court cases were filed against alleged violators of the smog control laws during the fiscal year from July 1, 1953, to June 30, 1954, Lloyd H. McEwen, Air Pollution Control District Chief Inspector, announced today.

Of the 286 cases completed in the fiscal year just passed, 253 resulted in convictions, McEwen reported. The cases filed represented 536 counts of violation against 336 pieces of equipment, or acts of operating without a District permit or building without authority from the District.

Approximately 79 per cent of the persons brought into court plead guilty, the chief smog control enforcer stated. Other cases must go before either a judge or a jury. In all, \$8,769.50 in fines were paid and \$14,830 were suspended. The latter now acts as a lever to discourage future violations.

While open fires and incinerators led in the number of violations resulting in court cases, McEwen stated that cases were also filed against Diesel trucks, boilers, gray iron foundry cupolas, non-ferrous foundry furnaces, paint spray booths, refineries, chemical plants, auto body burners, dumps, pipe coating machines and rendering plants.

Notable decrease in number of cases filed were those against orchard heaters. This reflects the success of the District's program in having the old smudge pot replaced with efficient heaters, McEwen pointed out.

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